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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

Cited in the attached PTO-1449 are U.S. Patent Nos. 827,628; 1,622,559; 1,915,424; 1,918,345; 1,974,730; 1,983,632; 2,169,253; 2,246,215; 2,256,812; 2,457,250; 2,624,430; 2,630,890; 2,662,272; 3,158,731; 3,288,977; 3,487,861;

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5,761,873; 5,771,653; 5,842,318; 5,865,008; 5,875,605; 5,895,534; 5,927,036;  
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6,519,908; 6,571,527. Also cited are U.S. Publication Nos. 2002/0020138 A1;  
2002/0029538 A1; 2002/0046534 A1; 2002/0069606 A1; 2003/0084637 A1. Pursuant  
to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of these U.S.  
references are not enclosed.

It is applicant's belief that none of the above citations describe that which is  
claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have  
been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was  
pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the  
invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may  
deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the  
Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual  
careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the filing of the  
application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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